



Leicester, (Ms.)  
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Dear friend Webb,

I trust you have received, before this, the packet of letters, &c. wh. I forwarded to you, by the Adams Expr. Co., from Word. on Friday morn. last. You ought to have rec<sup>d</sup> ~~them~~ <sup>it</sup> last evng., I think. I came fr. Boston yest. p. m., - am here for a couple of days or so - then back to Boston for my niece's wedding.

I wrote to you on the evng. of my reaching home, from Syracuse, - I hope you have continued to get strength since my leaving you.

The packet of letters above-mentioned came to my <sup>care</sup> from W. P. Garrison. He had cordently misunderstood your wish, as to where your letters were to be sent.

In talking over, here, the various methods of your coming to Leicester, we have thought the following would be an easy one for you, in case you decide to take the day-passage down the Hudson, & so go to New York. When ready to start again,



from N. Y., <sup>you might</sup> take one of the fine steamboats  
of the New London & Norwich line. They leave  
at 5 o'clock <sup>p.m.</sup> (possibly a little earlier at this time of  
year) from the foot of Vestry St., (near Canal St.)  
on the North River (i.e. the Hudson). You can  
have a large & comfortable state-room, with  
two berths, for a moderate additional charge,  
to wh. you can go immediately on getting ~~into~~  
the key of it, & where you can be <sup>all the while</sup> undisturbed.

The boat arrives at New London between  
12 and 1 A.M., - and that would be an  
insuperable dejection in your case, provided  
you had to leave the boat then. But you  
need not. The most of the passengers do leave  
then, & proceed immediately by R.R. to Norwich,  
Worcester, Boston, &c. But it is not uncommon  
for such as do not care to be disturbed in their  
rest, or to leave the boat at night, to remain  
in their state rooms until mornf. light, when  
they take a day train to their destination.

You **could** take a train leaving <sup>N. London</sup> 5 A.M., - &  
stopping a little while <sup>at</sup> Norwich, leave that  
place at 6 A.M., & reach Worcester at 9.05.



But that would be rather early for you,  
and <sup>it</sup> might be almost as dark ~~as~~  
as at 1 a.m.

Staying in the boat  
a little longer, you could leave New London  
at 8, & go to Norwich - rest there about  
3 hours (for "connections" are not well made  
at Norwich) and at 11.30 take the train  
to Worcester, arriving (at W<sup>r</sup>.) at 2.30 p.m.

If you should leave N.Yk., for  
instance, next Friday evng. (16<sup>th</sup>), by that  
route, you would, - in the way I have  
indicated - come to W<sup>r</sup>. at 2.30 p.m. of  
Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup>; & some of us could doubtless be  
there to meet you.

~~But~~ I name  
that, as <sup>being</sup> the earliest time when we could  
get through with family engagements in Boston,  
&c., and be at home again; - but you  
can select any subsequent day you prefer.

Don't fail to give me good previous  
notice of the intended time of your coming.

(via W<sup>r</sup>.) If you should decide to arrive here  
next Saturday (17<sup>th</sup>), please write to me, as  
soon as convenient, to 27, Hollis St, Boston.



Indeed I would be very glad to  
get a line from you there, in any case:-  
as a knowledge of your plan, or of  
what it is likely to be, may be of service  
to us, in deciding on our own movements.

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But, if the boat plan fails to suit  
you - (and I <sup>have</sup> named it for the great comfort  
of the state-room, & because it reduces your  
R.R.<sup>d</sup> riding to 3 hours, or 3  $\frac{1}{2}$ .) - you can fall  
back upon the N.Y. & Boston Express Train,  
leaving 27<sup>th</sup> St. at 8 A.M., & reaching  
Worc<sup>r</sup>. at 3  $\frac{1}{2}$  to 4 P.M. - say 8 hours of R.R. Road  
There ~~are~~ is an exceedingly comfortable Apartment  
car attached to that Train, in which, for one  
Dollar extra, a seat can be had to Worc<sup>r</sup>. (or Boston)  
There are easy, stuffed seats, but  
I think, ~~there are~~ no Sofas, upon which you could  
stretch yourself. - Take tickets for "Worcester City"  
not "Worcester Junction"

In the Drawing Room Car, on train from  
Albany (9.50 A.M.) to Boston, there are Sofas.

My kindest regards to Deborah, - in which my wife  
joins, - and to all the good family at Syracuse.  
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